

1893-054
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes. William Wilson vs. Cynthia Wilson

Gibson, Reynolds, Ely

CA-Divorce
T-Vices

1 said Cynthia Wilson is guilty of the crime
2 of adultery & besides this she has abandoned
3 your orator.

4 your orator further states that he has not
5 cohabited ^{with} his said wife since he became
6 aware of the fact of her infidelity to him &
7 that such infidelity committed by her was
8 not procured by the connivance or consent
9 of your orator; but against his wish
10 & earnest entreaties.

11 your orator is advised that by the laws
12 of the land & the facts in his case that he is entitled
13 in a court of equity to a divorce à vinculo
14 matrimonii from the said Cynthia Wilson and to
15 obtain that end is the object of this bill.

16 The premises considered your orator prays
17 that the said Cynthia Wilson be made defendant
18 to this bill & be required to answer the same
19 but not upon oath, that ~~upon a hearing of the cause~~
20 upon a hearing of the cause a decree be
21 entered dissolving the bonds of matrimony
22 now existing between your orator & his
23 said wife, & if in anywise mistaken in
24 this his special prayer then your orator
25 prays for all such further & general
26 relief as may be requisite - May the
27 usual writ of opra issue directed &c.

28 Jackson & Blankenship,
29 for Plaintiff.
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1 To the Hon. H. S. R. Morrison, Judge of the
2 Circuit Court of Lee County, Virginia:

3 Humbly complaining your orator
4 William Wilson would respectfully rep-
5 resent that on the day of
6 1886, in Lee Co., Va, he intermarried with
7 one Cynthia Gibson.

8 Your orator states that for four
9 years after the said marriage the said Cynthia,
10 his then wife, acted the part of a loving faithful
11 wife & during this time your orator & his said
12 wife lived happily & contented together & as your
13 orator then thought his happiness complete & that
14 thereafter he would have no cause ever to com-
15 plain; but unfortunately for your orator
16 this state of mind did not so continue for
17 after the expiration of the time as above
18 stated conjugal happiness ceased. The said
19 Cynthia Wilson
20 wife began to neglect her house, their home
21 & her husband - She staid away from her
22 home often days & nights at a time, mixed
23 & mingled & associated with other men
24 & the worst elements of society that the
25 community afforded & thus things contin-
26 ued for a few months when the said
27 Cynthia Wilson unmindful of her moral
28 obligations & in total disregard of the moral
29 laws of God & the laws of the state regulating
30 the conduct of the citizen took up, cohabited,
31 associated & lived with other men. &
32 ~~is now living with another man.~~
Your orator therefore charges that the

C. J. & B.

William Wilson

vs. Bill for Divorce

Cynthia Wilson

1893 1st April Rules Bill
filed Spa Exd + D. Visi

" 2nd April Rules D. Visi
Contd + Contd

" 1st May Rules Contd

" 2nd May Rules Cause
Set for Hearing by J. J.

" June Term Decree
Final 489

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J. D. 1.50

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William Wilson }
as. Cynthia Wilson } In Chy.

This cause having been set for hearing came on this day to be heard upon the bill of complaint & the depositions of witnesses & was argued by Counsel & it appearing to the Court that the allegations of said bill had been fully proven, it is adjudged, ordered & decreed that the bonds of matrimony heretofore existing between William Wilson & Cynthia Wilson be & the same are hereby dissolved & that Deft. Cynthia Wilson is hereby restrained from marrying again & This cause is stricken from the docket.

Wm. Wilson
B. & Deere
Cynthia Wilson

Entered on O.T.B.

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June 8, 1893

J. A. G. Hyatt ©

Enter this decree

W. H. M.

June 8, 1898.

1 William Wilson Plff

2 vs. Deposition

3 Cynthia Wilson } Def

4 The deposition of Joseph Reynolds and
5 others taken before me H. C. Joclyn a
6 Justice of the Peace in and for the
7 County of Lee and State of Virginia
8 at the ^{low} Office of Geo W. Blankenship
9 in the Town of Jonesville. Pursuant
10 to notice hereto attached, said deposition
11 are intended to be read as evidence for
12 the Plaintiff in a certain Suite in Equity
13 now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee
14 County in which William ^{Wilson} is Plaintiff
15 and Cynthia Wilson is defendant,
16 Joseph Reynolds a witness of lawful
17 age being duly sworn deposes as
18 follows.

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20 1st Ques. by Plff's Atty.

21 Please state your name,
22 age & occupation?

23 Answer. Joseph Reynolds age 33 and occupation
24 is a Farmer.

25 Ques. Are you acquainted with Cynthia
26 Wilson & Wm. Wilson, & how long have
27 you known them?

28 Ans. I am acquainted with both Cynthia
29 and William Wilson. I have known
30 Wm. Wilson about two years - and
31 Cynthia about one year.

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1 Ques. Do you know whether or not they
2 once lived together as man & wife?
Ans 3 yes I know they did once live together
4 as man & wife,
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6 Ques. During the time of their marriage,
7 do you know of Cynthia Wilson being
8 guilty of Adultery, & if so, state all
9 the circumstances?

Answer 10 I do know of my own personal know-
11 ledge that she has been guilty of
12 adultery with as many as three
13 different men and at various times,
14 during the fall of 1892. She stayed
15 two nights in an old unoccupied
16 house, with J. C. Wynn and William
17 Good and another man,

18 And further this deponent saith not
witness 19 claims 1 day Joseph ^{his} Reynolds
20 50 cts _{mark}

21 The further taking of depositions in this
22 Cause is hereby adjourned until Friday
23 May the 26th 1893. at the law office
24 of L. W. Blankenship in Jonesville Va.
25 This May 20th 1893. H. C. Goolsby J. P.
26 May 26th 1893.

27 The taking of depositions in the
28 above Case is resumed as per
29 adjournment.

30 J. W. M. Ely a witness of lawful
31 age being duly sworn deposes
32 as follows.

1 Ques. Please state your name, age
2 + occupation?

Ans 3 J. W. M. Ely age 24 and a Farmer.

6 Ques. Are you acquainted with Cynthia
7 Wilson + Wm. Wilson + how long have
8 you known them?

Ans 9 I am acquainted with Cynthia and
10 William Wilson, have known them
11 four or five years.

13 Ques. Do you know whether or not they
14 once lived together as man + wife?

Ans 15 I do know that they lived together
16 as man + wife, a year or two,

18 Ques. During the time of their marriage
19 do you know of Cynthia Wilson being
20 guilty of Adultery + if so, state the
21 Circumstances?

Ans 22 I don't know certain of any act of
23 adultery, but I have seen her with men
24 and have heard her use indecent
25 language. She has at various times
26 promised to accommodate me, and
27 made plans to meet me out - but I never
28 liked her style well enough to meet her

30 Ques. Do you know of her whereabouts
31 for the past year, where she has been
32 living + with whom?

Ans¹ For the last ten or twelve months she
has been living with one L. S. Ward in Lee
County he having left his wife and taken
up with Cynthia Wilson. I have seen
them together and heard both Cynthia Wilson
and L. S. Ward say that they were living
together.

And further this deponent soith not.
Witness claims J. W. M. Ely
1 day 50 cts

Virginia Lee County Court.

I, Henry C. Foslyn a Justice of the Peace
for the County of Lee State of Virginia,
do certify that the foregoing depositions
of Joseph Reynolds and J. W. M. Ely
were duly taken sworn to and subscribed
before me, at the times and places
mentioned in the Caption of the same,
Given under my hand this 26th day
of May 1893.

H. C. Foslyn J. P.

William Wilson
vs. 3 depositions
Cynthia Wilson

depositions of
Joseph Reynolds &
J. W. M. Ely

Filed May 26th 1893

J. R. Gibson D. C.

Geo. A. Whitgate D. C.

J. P. Lee #157

To Cynthia Wilson,

TAKE NOTICE, That I on the 20th day of
May, 1893, at the Law office of Geo. M. Blountship
in the Town of Jonesville, Va., between the hours
of 6 A. M. & 6 P. M., of that day,
will proceed to take the deposition of Joseph Runnels & others

which, when taken, I intended to be read as evidence on my behalf in a certain suit in equity
now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County, State of Virginia, in which
I, William Wilson, is plaintiff and
you, Cynthia Wilson are defendant.

And if from any cause the same be not commenced, or if commenced, be not concluded on that day, the
taking thereof will be adjourned from time to time, and from place to place, until completed.

May 1, 1893.

Very Respectfully,

Wm Wilson
By Counsel.

William Wilson
vs { notice, &c.

Cynthia Wilson

Executed by
Delivering a true
copy of the
within Summ
to Cynthia

Wilson. this
May the 8th 1893

L. M. Wade D. S.

for C. E. Gilman
S. L. C.

The Commonwealth of Virginia.

To The Sheriff of Lee County Greeting:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON.....

Levythia Wilson

to appear at the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, at the Court House, on the first Monday in

April.....next, being rule day to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court against

.....her..... by.....

William Wilson

And have then and there this writ. Witness, J. A. G. Hyatt, Clerk of said Court at the Courthouse.

This.....*24th*.....day of.....*February*.....18*93*.....in the 11^{*7*} year of the Commonwealth.

J. A. G. Hyatt.....Clerk.

A Copy Teste.....Clerk.

J. T. B.

William Wilson

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Cynthia Wilson

So 1st April Rules 1873

Executed by
Delivering a true
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Cynthia Wilson
Mch 16th 1879 at
10 O'clock A. M.
L. M. Wade D. S.
for C. E. Felanary
S. L. Co.